

Beyond Pluto: The Search for the Edge of the Solar System focus of upcoming Frontiers in Science lectures

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First talk is Aug. 5 in Los Alamos

LOS ALAMOS, N.M., July 30, 2015—Los Alamos National Laboratory Fellow and physicist Herb Funsten will explore the edge of the solar system and anticipate its future as it moves through our galactic neighborhood in a series of three Frontiers in Science lectures beginning Aug. 5 in the Duane Smith Auditorium at Los Alamos High School on Diamond Drive. Titled "Beyond Pluto: The Search for the Edge of the Solar System," the talks focus on the heliosphere — the region of space under the Sun's influence — that extends far beyond Pluto and forms a protective cocoon that shields us from cosmic radiation.

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Beyond Pluto: The Search for the Edge of the Solar System

"In this talk, we will travel to the edge of the solar system, peer into the structure and dynamics of the outer heliosphere as it interacts with the interstellar medium, and anticipate the future of the solar system as it moves through our galactic neighborhood," said Funsten, of Los Alamos' Intelligence and Space Research Division.

Funsten will reprise the talk

- Tuesday, Aug. 11 at the Museum of Natural History and Science, 1801 Mountain Road N.W., in Albuquerque and
- Friday, Aug. 14 in the James A. Little Theater of the New Mexico School for Deaf, 1060 Cerrillos Road, in Santa Fe.

All Frontiers in Science talks begin at 7 p.m.

Sponsored by the Fellows of Los Alamos National Laboratory, the Frontiers in Science lecture series is intended to increase local public awareness of the diversity of science and engineering research at the Laboratory.

All talks in the Frontiers in Science lecture series are free of charge. For more information, call (505) 665-9196 or email Linda Anderman at anderman@lanl.gov.

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